

Jane Sarah Goodey Lewis

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Jane Sarah Goodey Lewis was born in London England, February 15, 1856, the daughter of Henry and Mary Witcher Goody. Her parents accepted the gospel and when she was eight years of age, they set sail for America on the ship, “Hudson”, requiring forty-seven days to cross the ocean, arriving at Albany, New York , July 20, 1864. From there they traveled to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they helped get equipment ready for the trip across the plains.

Jane was required to walk most of the journey across the plains, but occasionally rode with her mother who was lame and unable to walk. Hardships, crossing the plains were many, losing one-tenth of their numbers on the way, arriving in Salt Lake, October 30, 1864. They came directly to Lehi, where her father built a one room home made of mud, with a willow roof and dirt floors.

As a girl, she herded cows in the hills around Lehi, helped fight grasshoppers and crickets, and gleaned grain from the fields in order to get a little flour.

In 1870, her father, who was a mason, built a one room adobe home. The adobes were made from the old fort wall.

She was married June 30, 1873 to Henry Lewis. To this union was born eleven children, seven sons and four daughters.

She worked as a Relief Society teacher in the Third Ward and served as instructor on the quilt committee many years. She served on the Old Folks Committee five years.